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Dear Alice:

I would like to thank you for providing a copy of the Groundwater and Surface Water Operable Unit Feasibility Study of the Galena Subsite for my inspection. I have reviewed all 3 volumes and, in general, find that the data generated by the contractor are in agreement with data that I have collected from the subsite over the past three years. I also agree, for the most part, with their conclusions regarding the biological ramifications to surface water biota. I feel that the feasibility study was well conceived and that the assessment was adequately conducted. I congratulate you on a job well done.

My concerns for the Galena subsite center around the successfulness of any remediation attempts in terms of improvements of habitat conditions for aquatic biota. As a recommendation, I would like to see a strategy developed to evaluate the improvements in aquatic habitat that result from remediation attempts. I would be glad to lend assistance and/or expertise to development of such a strategy. I would also suggest, however, that an independent contractor be used to evaluate the success of the remediation efforts, rather than using parties that are already involved, and to a certain extent, have a "vested interest" in the post-remediation evaluations.

Again, I thank you for your willingness to share the report with me, and compliment you on the work completed to date. I remain willing to assist from this point forward.

Sincerely,

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